1	2
Naphtha	0.87
Kerosene	0.91
Diesel	3.69
Others	3.66
TOTAL	10.00

Invitation to India for TAP Project

4745. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA :
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY :
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH :
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has been invited to joint the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan Gas Pipeline Project (TAP Project);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Ministers of Oil and Gas Industry of Turkmenistan, Petroleum and Natural Resources of Pakistan and Mines and Industry of Afghanistan, in a joint letter addressed to Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas have invited India to participate in the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan gas pipeline project. The letter requests the Government to invite the Asian Development Bank, the lead development partner for the project, to make a presentation to the Government on the details of the project.

(c) Such trans-national pipeline projects are very sensitive projects. Besides the techno-economic feasibility the geo-political situation and bilateral relationships have to be taken into account to take a decision in the right perspective.